GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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AMOUNT SANCTIONED TO INDIAN WOMEN HOCKEY PLAYERS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has sanctioned Rs. 5 lakh to Indian Women Hockey Federation for purchasing kits and equipments of international standard for women hockey players while touring Australia;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the basis on which such amount has been sanctioned to the Federation and the steps taken/being taken to promote the women hockey game?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PANCHAYATI RAJ, YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS AND DEVELOPMENT OF NORTH EASTERN REGION (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (c) : No, Sir. The Government has not sanctioned any amount to the Indian Women Hockey Federation (IWHF) for purchase of kits and equipment while touring Australia. Requirements of equipment, consumables, including personal consumables, as approved in the Long Term Development Plan (LTDP), are fully funded by the Government under the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs). Besides, NSFs are also entitled to seek assistance for the procurement of equipment on a 75:25 sharing basis under which Government funds 75% of the cost and the NSF contributes 25%. No proposal for assistance under this Scheme has been received from IWHF.
Details of assistance provided to the Indian Women's Hockey Federation (IWHF) during the last 3 years under the Scheme of 'Assistance to National Sports Federations', are given below:

(Rupees in lakh)

Year	Amount Released
2004-05	110.35
2005-06	78.81
2006-07	111.64
2007-08(As on 29-2-2008)	153.46

In addition, the Sports Authority of India has also assisted IWHF in organizing national coaching camps for Sub-junior, junior and senior teams. During 2007-08, 9 coaching Camps for 161 days have been organized and expenditure of Rs. 28.65 lakh has already been incurred till February, 2008 on this account.

Further, Government have approved the Federation's proposal for the engagement of a foreign coach for the national women hockey team and for men under the age of 21 for a period of one year. A short term coach from the Netherlands was also engaged to train women hockey players for 15 days.